

GOULDS MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes – 4/27/2004

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Lewis Canty.

Invocation given by Mr. Joe Washington; Goulds resident.

Approval of minutes – Quorum not present at this time

Ms. Sarah Hartfield Special Projects Administrator, gave presentation for the Miami-Dade Public Works Department. Questions from panel and audience. Mr. Demps questioned the inclusion of the Cutler Ridge Canal in the Goulds Study area. Ms. Hartfield stated that she would check on the matter, as she was not familiar with the Goulds MAC boundaries, and respond to Mr. Demps by phone.

Mr. Ed Rivera, Neighborhood Compliance Officer, gave presentation for the Miami-Dade Team Metro/Code Enforcement Unit. Questions from panel and audience.

Mr. Tom Spehar, Principal Planner, gave presentation for the Miami-Dade Department of Planning and Zoning. Questions from panel and audience. Mr. Canty stated his frustrations with the incorporation process and the negative impact of not being able to include parts of Goulds in the MAC's study area that are in District 8. Mr. Canty asked Mr. Spehar if the County could tell us where the boundaries of Goulds are. Mr. Canty referred to a 1995 County map that showed three unincorporated areas (Goulds, Princeton and Perrine). Mr. Spehar gave his personal opinion as to how boundaries are defined. The exchange between Mr. Canty and Mr. Spehar became very heated. Mr. Spehar stated that he would not be dragged into the boundary dispute between Goulds and Cutler Ridge. Mr. Canty gave the floor to Mrs. Josey. Mrs. Josey stated that she was upset with Mr. Spehar's response to Mr. Canty. Mrs. Josey stated her opinion as to where the boundaries of Goulds were. The exchange between Mrs. Josey and Mr. Spehar became heated as well. Mr. Jason Rodriques from UMSA asked for the floor. Mr. Rodriques stated that Mr. Spehar was not here to answer questions about boundaries; that Mr. Spehar had accomplished his task. And that Mr. Spehar's response to Mr. Canty in reference to boundaries was his personal opinions. Mr. Rodriques reiterated that any questions in reference to boundaries needed to be addressed with the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Cornelius Allen, Special Projects Administrator, gave follow up presentation for the Miami-Dade Solid Waste Department. Mr. Allen gave out handouts that contained answers to questions that were asked at his presentation in February.

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Mr. Jason Rodriques gave overview of ordinance sponsored by Commissioner Moss for the Goulds MAC. The ordinance, if passed, would allow the Goulds MAC to operate beyond the one year limit. A public hearing will be held on June 17. Mr. Rodriques stated that Mr. James Josey had been appointed to the Goulds MAC today, but that he had to complete his paperwork and return it to the County before he could sit on the MAC.

Mr. Don Stephens was given the floor. Mr. Stephens gave comments on the boundaries issues, again and stated his suggestions for getting public input.

Mrs. Demps interrupted and requested the floor. Permission was given by Mr. Canty. Mrs. Demps made a motion to move the agenda and to adjourn the meeting; as the matter had already been discussed. And that boundaries issues are not the mission of the MAC. Motion seconded by Mr. Eric Coffie. All in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 by Mr. Canty.

Members in Attendance

Lewis Canty (Chairperson)

Enid W. Demps (Secretary)

Gladys Briscoe

Eric Coffie